



**WORKING GROUP MEETING
THURSDAY
DECEMBER 13, 2001**

**SWANSEA RECREATION CENTER
2659 EAST 49TH AVENUE
9:00 AM- 12:00 noon**

BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES FOR THE MEETING:

Background :

At the last working group meeting in November, EPA discussed the concept of developing a comprehensive conceptual model for the VB/I70 study area. The purpose of such a model is to organize the multi-agency efforts currently underway to understand the cumulative environmental impacts on people who live in the study area. As currently envisioned, the model will include a screening level assessment of the exposure pathways and chemicals likely to be of most concern to people and could go so far as to identify areas where impacts are potentially the greatest. A comprehensive conceptual model of the area would be developed by EPA as part of remedial action at the VB/I70 site to address environmental justice concerns.

At this point in the VB/I70 Superfund project, EPA is working on the Proposed Plan for Operable Unit 1. No clean up decision has been made yet. It will only be made after the public has an opportunity to comment on the Proposed Plan and EPA has considered the comments received. If EPA decides to develop the model, that decision will be documented in the Record of Decision for the VB/I70 Site, Operable Unit 1.

EPA is interested in gathering as much information as possible about efforts that have already been done to assess cumulative impacts in the area. This will help EPA avoid duplicating work. It will also help EPA identify the scope of the effort to develop the comprehensive conceptual model and make it most useful.

The Denver Department of Public Health and Environment is modeling air toxics from multiple sources to establish a baseline. EPA invited the air modeler to present the work, to date, at this working group meeting as an example of one effort to assess cumulative impacts. This is the main agenda item at this working group meeting.

The purpose of the presentation is simply to inform the working group.

Other agenda items include updates on work being done in VB/I70 Operable Unit 2 and on coordinating with the Health Team activities.